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Re application of: P. A. Billing-Medel *et al.*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Advisory Action dated August 3, 2001. A Notice of Appeal was filed on March 16, 2001. Claims 1-13, 15-22, 38, 41 and 45-49 are currently under examination. A four-month extension of time accompanies this response, extending the time to respond from May 16, 2001 to September 17, 2001. The first business day since the due date fell on a weekend.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-13, 15-22, 38, 41 and 45-49. Please add new claims 52-78 as follows: